

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-13 and 15-58 are pending. Claims 1, 28, and 37 have been amended in this communication filed 11/30/07 entered as Response After Non-Final Action.
2. The claim objections for claims 1, 28, and 37 have been overcome by Applicants' amendment to the claims and are hereby withdrawn.
3. The 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections for claims 1, 28, and 37 have been overcome by Applicants' amendments to claims 1, 28, and 37 and accordingly the rejections to the dependent claims are also hereby withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-13 and 15-58 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art is (US 5,065,347) Pajak et al. Pajak et al. disclosed a display screen with multiple structure data objects such as file folders containing other structured data objects with the display of distinct files in structured hierarchies which may be linked to one another for one or more functional purposes but fails to disclose : Applicants' computer readable memory having a plurality of storage locations with each placeholder structurally including a file object hook to which a primary element can later be linked and a deadline element having a triggering condition field for storing a triggering event and indicated time period to the occurrence of the triggering event, a method for creating in a computer readable memory a workfolder with the placeholder structurally including a file object hook to which a primary element document can later be linked and a deadline element with a triggering condition field for storing the

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triggering event and an indicated time period relative to the occurrence of the triggering event.

For these reasons claims 1-13 and 15-58 are deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

It appears that the instant invention is beyond the skill of one of ordinary skill in the art. Accordingly the invention would NOT have been obvious because one of ordinary skill could not have been expected to achieve it, NOR would they have been able to predict the results, and as such, they would have had no capability of expecting success.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Citation of other prior art made of record

Palmer (US 6,259,444) disclosed a hierarchical structure containing folders, documents, and links with each folder starting from a root folder.

Spencer et al (US 5,603,021) disclosed an electronic spreadsheet system with templates, a field, folder icons, a placeholder in a formula for the input fields, and a display of a subexpression as a node on a hierarchical outline.

Malone et al (US 5,900,870) disclosed objects arranged in a hierarchy with each object including a collection of fields and field values and a template based user interface.

Blair et al. (US 2002/0007373) disclosed hierarchical folders, linkages between objects and access to all objects in the branch of the hierarchy.

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30AM-3:00PM.

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